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In re Application of

Dr. Jörg Rheims, et al.

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TREATMENT OF A FIBER STOCK SUSPENSION

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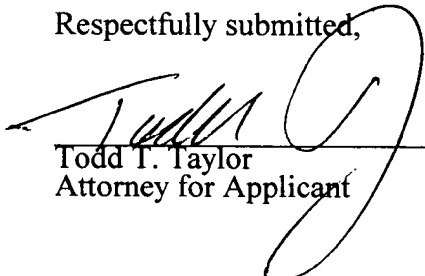
Transmitted herewith is an amendment in the above-identified application.

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CLAIMS AS AMENDED						
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Responsive to the Office Action dated March 15, 2002, Applicants hereby submit the following Amendment.

Attached hereto as "ATTACHMENT A" is a marked-up copy showing the changes made to the above-identified patent application by the present Amendment.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims 1 and 13 for original claims 1 and 13:

1. (Amended) A process of treating a fiber stock suspension for at least one of paper and cardboard production, said process comprising the steps of:

providing the fiber stock suspension, with a moistened fiber material having fiber surfaces;

5 placing the fiber suspension in a fluffer;

adding at least one additive to the fiber suspension, at least one said additive being  $\text{CaCO}_3$ ; and